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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite claim 7 as follows:

7. (Twice amended) A method for providing data packet congestion control for a data network having a buffer circuit, each data packet comprising a priority, the method comprising the steps of:

- determining the particular service flow associated with the data packet;
- detecting a current data packet flow rate through the data network for the particular service flow associated with the data packet;
- quantizing the data packet flow rate into at least one level;